Trout fishing

Why does it attract so many?

By Dave Wolf

Why the trout? Why has he caught the fancy of so many? Why does he attract more than any other fish? Forget the fact that bass is gaining in popularity, the trout has simply held center stage for hundreds of years.

Consider that the native brook trout was the first and only trout to be found in Penns Woods. Well distributed, the brookie was a rather easy fish to catch, and anglers everywhere touted its merits. After all, a brilliant jewel from pristine waters was held in high esteem and the other species that swam in Pennsylvania waters did not even rival the brilliant colors of the brook trout.

Fish Commission photo by Dave Wolf

More than 650,000 anglers are expected to attend the opening day of trout season, which begins April 1 at 8:00 a.m. Anglers of all ages will fish throughout the state on opening day, and many will be successful.

The brookie brought forth the quills of those who might never have been moved to write if it were not for its presence, and in short order, books on how to catch the trout became part of American literature. The brook trout, like no other fish of its time, evoked man's emotions. Many of the early books were full of heart-rendering prose about the fish, the gentle art of fishing for it, and the feelings anglers experienced trudging along the stream banks of the waters where the trout resided.

Some anglers were not satisfied with the brook trout alone. So the brown trout was brought in from Europe near the turn of the century and the rainbow from the West Coast. Variety was needed in life and in fishing-and the brown and rainbow added that variety.

Introducing new species of trout to Pennsylvania irked many of the purist brook trout fishermen and some went to their death bed scorning the browns and rainbows that invaded the brook trout's domain. Others accepted the more selective brown trout with open arms. Not easily caught on the brilliantly colored flies and lures of the time, the brown presensed a new challenge to trout fisherman. More books came forth and continue to do so to this day. The brown trout acually brought about a new breed of trout angler-the "match and hatch" crew, who found out quickly that the brown simply would not take anything tossed in its direction. One had to find out what the fish was feeding on in order to be successful day in and day out.

Soon the bright red, orange and yellow feathers that has been used in the past were replaced with drab browns, grays and black and white feathers that allowed fly tiers to duplicate insects that the brown fed upon. Fishing for brown trout also brought about a new line of lures and spinners that were designed with the trout in mind. Still, an army of fishermen kept it all quite simple; they had found that the same tactics they had used for brook trout during the early season worked just fine for browns as well. The simple garden worm or nightcrawler and a split shot or two, depending on water depth, took as many browns as they cared to take. They have found no valid reason to change their tactics.

The rainbow has established itself in very few Commonwealth streams, except as a put and take fish stocked widely by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. But, the rainbow has brought the salmon egg to the shelves of tackle dealers everywhere. Although salmon eggs work for fish other than the rainbow, they are especially effective with rainbows. Little gold hooks have been manufactured by the hook makers and dubbed the salmon egg hook. Many swear by it, simply because it is small and can be easily concealed by two well-placed salmon eggs.

Yes, bass is gaining in popularity and probably will continue to do so, but if the amount of books on a subject is any indication to a fish's popularity, then the trout must win thumbs down. Perhaps the unique aspect of trout fishing is that you may take it as easy or as difficult as you like. A good example is when I took six trout one late spring afternoon on a size 18 floating nymph. I had taken great pains to make sure that it floated in and not on the surface film, and I constructed it carefully so that it would land with the wing case facing up. My daughter took eight trout from the same lake that day on worms suspended from a red and white bobber. It is irrelevant that she and I both released our fish, and that I'm 42 and 8, Route 15 spent 36 of those years fishing. She, you see, is seven and his fished for only three of those years.

Williams Grove Highlights

The racing program scheduled for the Williams Grove Speedway on Sunday, April 1, fell victim to the rain.

As a result, the 25-lap Sprint Car event, paying a robust $3,500 to win, will be run at the Grove on Sunday, April 8. Race time will be 2 p.m.

The April 8 program included time trials, a series of qualifying events and the 25-lap feature evening, which has all 24-feature positions increased over the regular high paying Grove purse.

The regular $9.00 general admission price will be charged for this program, the final Sunday afternoon racing program for the early season.

After next Sunday's big paying event, action at the Grove switches to Fridays on April 13. That program will include the first dual card program of the 1990 season, with the Super Sportsman joining the Sprint Cars.

The Super Sportsman will be running four times at the Grove during the 1990 season.

Sunday's rain out, which was announced at 9 a.m. by Speedway officials, was the first of the season. There have been four races run thus far and there have been four different winners.

Feature winners include Kenny Adams, Kenny Jacobs, Joey Kuhn, and Donnie Kreitz. All four are expected to be in action for the April 8 show.

The gates for the April 8 show will open at noon, with hot laps scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Time trials will begin at 2 pm.

When action switches to Fridays, the gates will open at 6 p.m. with hot laps scheduled for 7:20 p.m. Racing will begin at 8 p.m.

LAW NOTES

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When you have a house built, you will need a construction agreement with the general contractor who is going to be in charge of building it. The agreement should provide for some basic terms. The bank or savings and loan association will want to approve the construction contract.

A checklist of items that should be in a construction agreement includes:

1. That the general contractor provide proof of liability insurance and workmen's compensation coverage. The owner is responsible for builder's risk fire and extended coverage.

2. Payments by owner to contractor should not mean acceptance of defective work or improper materials.

3. The contractor assumes ownership of and liability for all material delivered to the building site and contractor assumes the risk of damage or loss of said material.

4. The price must be firm with any alterations or additions to be on written approval of Owner and with amounts to be paid by owner for extras to be in writing. (Change orders)

5. There should be a completion date and preferably a per day charge if the building is not completed on time.

6. There should be provisions made to resolve disputes between owner and contractor concerning quality of materials or manner of construction.

Law Notes are designed to provide general information concerning topics of interest to the community at large. You should check with a lawyer before acting on any information contained in Law Notes because the facts and circumstances surrounding any individual situation may vary.

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3/15 Rear of Northern High School-brush
3/17 Green Meadows-Smoke in structure
3/19 Whiskey Springs - Coffectown Rd.-pole fire
3/19 Rt. 114 and Sheffield Dr.-field fire
3/19 Coffectown and Stonehead-pole fire
3/22 Rt. 74 and Stoney Run Road-public service
3/25 Cabin Holl Road-brush fire
4/3 Beechwood Drive-electrical fire
4/4 Spring Valley Road and Willow Road-chimney fire
4/5 Hanover Boro-ladder truck for structure fire

EMS Calls

3/12 Sheffield Drive-heart problems.
3/17 Youngs Grove Trailer Park-heart problems
3/17 South Second Street-Assist P.D.
3/17 Cabin Hollow Rd.-Infant that fell
3/18 Willows Grove Speedway-standby
3/19 Pin Oak Trailer Park
3/21 Wms Grove Road-ill person
3/22 Lisburn Rd-Standby fire call
3/22 Green Meadows-fall victim
3/22 Conewago St. and Oriole Lane-Trailer fire
3/22 Glenwood Rd-Cancer patient
3/22 Rt. 74 and Stoney Run Rd.-Public service
3/24 Impala Dr.-trouble breathing
3/25 York Street-Chest pain
3/25 Cabin Hollow Rd.-Fire call
3/25 Wms. Grove Speedway-standby
3/26 Dorsey Lane-Ill person
3/26 Young's Grove Trailer Park-High B.P.
3/26 Blue Ridge Haven-Assist Medic 81
3/26 Station 35-Standby
3/26 US Rt. 15-Seizures
3/26 Renova-transport
3/26 Rt. 74 and Harbold Alland Rd.-MVA
3/26 Dorsey Lane-emergency transport
3/26 Range End Road
3/26 Blue Ridge Haven West-transport
3/26 Stand-by of South Middletown Twp.
3/26 Dr. Renyo's office seizures
3/26 Renova to Holy Spirit Emergency Transport
3/26 Rt. 74 and Harbold-Alland Rd.-MVA
3/27 VFW-chest pains
3/30 Chestnut Grove Rd.-chest pains
3/30 Rt. 15 and Harbold's Ford-MVA
3/31 Dbg. Police Station-domestic problems
4/1 Mardale Dr.-heart problems
4/2 Baltimore St.-emergency transport
4/3 Carroll Twp.-routine
4/3 Carroll Twp.-routine
4/3 Baker's Restaurant-Heart problems
4/4 Quaker Meeting Road-Fainting
4/4 Dbg. Family practice-chest pain
4/6 Franklintown Boro-routine
4/7 Rt. 177 and Pinetown Rd.-MVA
4/7 Clemens Drive-mental problems
4/8 Wms. Grove Speedway-standby
4/8 Baltimore St.-Shortness of breath
4/8 Twin Hills Rd.-DOA
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4/9 Lisburn Rd.-O.D.

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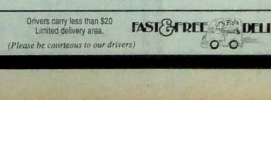

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